The Government has also issued Oil Bonds to the OMCs worth Rs. 20.333 crore and Upstream Oil Companies have contributed Rs. 15,873 crore to partially compensate the under-recoveries of OMCs during the year 2007-08 (April-December, 2007). For the same period, the impact absorbed by the OMCs after the issue of Bonds and subsidies by the Upstream Oil Companies, is likely to be Rs. 11,413 crore.

Supply of piped Petroleum Gas in Tamil Nadu

4260. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to take any steps for the supply of piped petroleum gas for the household use in Chennai and other cities/towns in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) The expansion of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) infrastructure in different cities in the coutnry is being taken up in a phased manner. In order to promote investment from public as well as private sector for laying trunk natural gas pipelines and city/local natural gas distribution networks throughout the country, the Government of India has enacted 'The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006' and has notified the 'Policy for Development of Natural Gas Pipelines and City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks'. Providing of CNG facilities depends upon availability of gas, setting up of necessary infrastructure and economic viability. Implementation of City Gas Distribution Projects in the State of Tamil Nadu has not been taken up, as of now.

Production of crude Oil

4261. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for production of crude oil during each of the last three years and achievement made thereon;

(b) the details of the investment made during the said period, Company-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the demand of pertroleum products in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) the details of target vis-a-vis actual achievements for production of crude oil for the last three years are as under:

Million Metric Tonnes (MMT)

Companies	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
ONGC			
Target	26.614	27.350	27.160
Achievements	24.404	26.051	25.944*
OIL			
Target	3.30	3.50	3.50
Achievements	3.233	3.107	3.101*

* Provisional